



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Marc HOURDEQUIN et al.

Serial No.: 09/891,499

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Filed: June 27, 2001

Examiner: Unassigned

For: DEVICES CONTAINING LOGIC CIRCUITS
TO GENERATE RANDOM SIGNALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7 and 11 as follows:

7. (Amended) Device as claimed in claim 5, characterized
in that the means constituting the inverter comprise a plurality
in the form of an odd number of inverters (111).

11. (Amended) Device as claimed in claim 1, characterized
in that it is incorporated into a programmable integrated
circuit.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-11, as amended, remain herein. Claims 7 and 11 have been amended hereby.


This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to eliminate multiply dependent claims from the above-identified application.

Examination of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment:

Mark Up of Amended Claims

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7. Device as claimed in ~~either of claims 5 and 6~~
claim 5, characterized in that the means constituting the
inverter comprise a plurality in the form of an odd number
of inverters (111).

11. Device as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~ claim
1, characterized in that it is incorporated ~~into a specific~~
~~or~~ into a programmable integrated circuit.